

**MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
February 25, 2013**

- Call to Order** President Thomasian called the special meeting of the Board of Education to order at 9:01 a.m. at the Murrieta Valley Unified School District Support Center, 41870 McAlby Court, Murrieta, California.
- Quorum** A quorum was established with the following Board Members present: Robin Crist, Kenneth Dickson, Paul Diffley, Barbara Muir, Kris Thomasian and Patrick Kelley, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board.
- Attendance**
- Staff Members***
Stacy Coleman, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Bill Olien, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities/Operational Services
Zhanna Preston, Executive Director, Special Education
Guy Romero, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Pamela Wilson, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Char Gollogly, Director, Curriculum and Instruction
Butch Owens, Director, Student Support
Sean McCarthy, Coordinator, Instructional Support/BTSA
Laura Gonzales, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board
- Employee Organization Representatives***
Kathy Ericson, President, Murrieta Teachers Association
- Guest***
Kenn Young, Riverside County Superintendent of Schools
- Pledge of Allegiance** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Approval of Agenda** **MSCU CRIST/DIFFLEY** to approve the agenda as presented.
- Public Comments** None.
- B-1: Discussion regarding Common Core State Standards** Mr. Kenn Young, Riverside County Superintendent of Schools provided an overview of the history of California state standards, testing and accountability. He discussed 21st century workforce expectations and the importance of reading, writing and arithmetic which are foundational gateway subjects to college and career readiness. He shared dismal student statistics which highlight the misalignment between K-12 preparation, and postsecondary and workforce expectations; and reported that 50% of freshman students entering the CSU and UC system need remediation in English Language Arts (ELA) and/or Mathematics. Moreover, despite California's current rigorous ELA and Math standards, they include far more information than students will ever use, much that is irrelevant and much that is taught in a way they cannot relate to. Mr. Young reported that Common Core standards were designed to address these rigor, relevance and relation problems.

**B-1: Discussion
regarding Common
Core State Standards**
(Continued)

Following Mr. Young's report, the Board asked questions and provided comments to Mr. Young and administrative staff regarding the implementation of the new Common Core standards.

In closing, Superintendent Kelley said that the ultimate goal is to instruct students in a more effective way and stressed the need to support teachers along the way; both will be critical to our success in the next ten years and beyond.

Adjournment

President Thomasian adjourned the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

Approved by the Governing Board March 14, 2013



Kenneth Dickson, Clerk of the Board